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U. S. FASCISTS COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

Latest Campaign, For "Mothers' March On Washington," Sample of Cooperation

Throughout the country, anti-democratic groups and individuals are entering into agreements to work more closely with one another. In the past, a source of constant complaint in the fascist camp has been that there was insufficient cooperation between Fifth Column organizations in the United States. The trouble stemmed largely from the fact that each of the many little-fuehrers pictured himself as ultimately becoming the U. S. Hitler, and each of the fascist groups wanted for itself the dubious honor of being the official Nazi storm-troops of America. Petty jealousies were rampant. As gangsters will, many of those in the movement suspected others of grabbing more than their share of the financial spoils. Rivalry and dissension hampered the propaganda and agitation work of the U. S. fascists.

Today an attempt is being made to eliminate such friction, to establish the closest possible relations between the anti-democrats. The campaign is operating on a coast-to-coast basis. In San Diego, California, the Nazi-admiring C. Leon de Aryan is devoting an increasing amount of space in his propaganda sheet, The Broom, to publicizing Joseph Mo-Williams, Christian Mobilizer Chieftain of New York City. In Omaha, Nebraska, Charles B. Hudson, who publishes the Hitlerite bulletin America In Danger! is now also distributing material issued by William Kullgren, fascist propagandist of Atascadero, California. In Lincoln, Nebraska, Charles W. Phillips, editor of The Individualist, is enclosing with his paper, bulletins written by the well-known New York anti-Semite, John B. Snow (see The Hour for September 21). In Asheville, North Carolina, William Dudley Pelley is filling his columns with the words of the highbrow-fascist Lawrence Dennis. The meeting held jointly by the Ku Klux Klan and the German-American Bund on August 18 at Camp Nordland, New Jersey, is another indication of the growing cooperation in the U.S. Fifth Column.

March On Washington Promoted

At the moment a number of the fascist groups are working together on a somewhat pretentious scheme conceived by Charles B. Hudson of Omaha. The venture has been entitled: "MOTHERS' MARCH ON WASHINGTON TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT." Hudson hopes to organize a band of "50,000 mothers" who will swarm into Washington, force Congress to impeach Roosevelt, establish a government to their own liking and, incidentally, make sure

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that Father Coughlin returns to the air.

Hudson has sent instructions "to patriots throughout the USA, urging them to get behind the CRUSADE." Leading fascists are rallying to the idea. The Christian Front, and other such groups, are giving the "March" full support. Further cooperation expected by Hudson is indicated in this passage from his bulletin:

"16 nationally-known and fearlessly patriotic Christian Ministers, including Rev. Winrod, together with America's 'Joan of Arc', Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, hold a 'Prophecy and Prayer Fellowship' Convention at Chicago ... October 13-20. Urgently suggested this Convention be one nucleus around which Christian WOMEN of AMERICA gather preparatory to their MARCH on WASHINGTON."

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STARTS MOST VIOLENT OF ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGNS

Using Hitler Technique, Coughlin Threatens Reprisals For Those He Accuses of "Persecuting" Him

Father Charles E. Coughlin's Social Justice is launching an anti-Semitic campaign more violent than any previously undertaken by the magazine. The last few issues contain what are probably the most vicious attacks it has ever made upon the Jewish people. No opportunity for anti-Semitic insults is overlooked by the priest who has declared he is taking "the road to fascism." Typical of the campaign of slander is the headline splashed across the cover of the magazine on September 9: "JEWS PUT PRESSURE ON WILLKIE TO HIT AT FATHER COUGHLIN."

There was a time when Coughlin attempted to disguise, if somewhat cynically, the extent of his anti-Semitism; he said he was opposed only to "the bad Jews." Now the mask is off. There are no longer any reservations. For out-and-out savage Jew-baiting, Social Justice is coming to match Der Stuermer.

Notorious U. S. anti-Semitic Fifth Columnists are quoted extensively in this program of vilification. On September 16, a long passage is reprinted from America In Danger, bulletin of Charles B. Hudson, little-fuehrer of Omaha. The passage attacks the New York newspaper PM as being a publication working under the direction of "Organized Jewry-International Finance." The following section of the quotation is representative of the material Coughlin is incorporating in his paper:

"P.M.' Many have asked us what we know of the new 5¢ New York City daily, which contains no apparent 'paid ads.' Its staff has NUDEALERS, Liberals, Reds and Jews; e. g., its 'opinion' editor (smearer of Colonel Lindbergh day after day) is Louis Kronenberger (p. 573 of Who's Who In American Jewry) -- a C.I.O. (Judeo-Red) Newspaper Guild member, formerly with Fortune magazine and writer for the radical Nation and The New Republic, etc. Its 'Labor' editor is Leo Huberman (p. 642 of Who's Who In American Jewry -- member of the Communist League of American Writers, Red Teachers Union, ...)."

Warns of Reprisals

In the September 30 issue of Social Justice, Coughlin not only insults the Jewish people; he openly threatens them. In an article lamenting his inability to arrange contracts with radio stations, the robed fascist accuses the Jews of being to blame for his difficulties -- neatly side-stepping the fact he is off the air as a result of clauses in the National Association of Broadcasters' Code. The Radio Priest, who finds himself without a radio, vents his spleen on the Jewish people and warns them of reprisals:

"Of course, every person knows who controls the three great national chains. [In Hitler style, Coughlin contends that the entire press and radio is dominated by "Jewish influence."]

"We are wondering whether it was really judicious on the part of the radio chain monopoly to permit such a ruling which virtually forces Coughlin off the air.

"It might be well for the master minds of the Columbia, the National and the Mutual Broadcasting Company to read Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay 'On the Law of Compensation.'

"It might be well for them to study the psychology of reaction.

"In plainer words, it might be profitable for them to learn from the humble pendulum swinging beneath the face of their clock.

"The pendulum always swings back!

"Certainly it will in the case of Father Coughlin.

"Today it is their high noon.

"Tomorrow, it will be their midnight!"

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CURTISS ON CONSCRIPTION

In the September 18 issue of his Weekly American Bulletin, Henry George Curtiss describes the use he would like to see made of the Burke-Wadsworth Selective Service Act. This pseudo-intellectual of American fascism and backer of Joseph McWilliams writes about the Act as follows:

"The so-called conscription bill is now law, and it's a good thing. Now we can return to the battle against the warmakers and the Jewish control of American life.

"In the meantime, America has a hope for her future, in the many thousands of fine young Americans who are going to learn discipline, team work and military action, under the new training program. Many defects will appear in the program, and some awful mistakes are bound to be made. But in the end, America will be better protected, both without and within.

"As for the Jews and liberals who so mistakenly supported this measure, these same trained and developed young Americans will eventually take a hand in helping rid our country of alien and subversive pests! With all the struggles, trials and even perhaps disasters ahead, the long run future of America looks good to us."

Curtiss' Aspirations

The sort of "hope" Curtiss has for America is shown in many previous statements he has made. At one German-American Bund meeting he said, "We've been looking for a national leader, someone we can all look up to. I propose the name of General Van Horn Moseley." At a meeting of the American Nationalist Party, a Bund affiliate, he observed, "Hitler isn't your enemy. ... Hitler is your friend. You don't hear anyone in Germany complaining that they have no freedom of speech. ... Japan is carrying the torch of civilization into China." Indicating his concept of civilization, he added, "We're going to have worse pogroms here than Russia ever saw."

Today Curtiss is somewhat more cautious about openly stating his eagerness to bring Nazism to the United States. Like the other American fascists, he believes that this is a time to seem "patriotic." However, he still looks fondly to the day when this country will have a fuhrer of its own and when Henry George Curtiss, alias John Gaede, alias Mirzin, will be the American Goebbels.

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PAUL REVERE SENTINELS AND FATHER BROPHY

The most recent meeting of the rejuvenated Paul Revere Sentinels was held on the evening of September 30 at the Murray Hill Hotel, 114 Park Avenue. The crowd of about two hundred people was made up largely of Christian Fronters, who now dominate this organization (see *The Hour* for September 28). The discussion centered around Father Coughlin's failure to arrange new broadcasting contracts and Joseph E. McWilliams' commitment to Bellevue (the day after the meeting, McWilliams was sentenced to seventy-five days in jail). The crowd shouted its indignation at the mistreatment of its heroes and urged immediate picketing of radio stations. One woman became hysterical and was quieted with difficulty before the meeting could proceed.

The Hour's report that Father Edward F. Brophy, eastern representative for Coughlin, is working closely with the Sentinels was confirmed by his presence at the meeting. The soft-spoken priest talked about the "great wrong" being done to the fuhrer of the Christian Front, Father Charles E. Coughlin. Regarding the latter's pro-Nazi tirades on the air, he said: "Father Coughlin has rendered a patriotic service to the entire country through his broadcasts." Brophy said this country is trying to rob Coughlin of their freedom. Employing a device in current favor among Christian Front speakers, Brophy concluded his speech with a patriotic quotation.

Solemnly, this advocate of Nazism in the U. S. observed: "'Tis better to die as free men, than to live as slaves."

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